In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0041] Once the decision trees have been generated, the clustered triphones are trained using the entire target language database. The training uses well-known techniques for training clustered HMM models. See Step 6 of Figure 2 (M/F separation, increase mixtures and variance tying). See Rabiner, L. and Juang, B.H., 1993, Fundamentals of Speech Recognition, Prentice Hall, New Jersey. ~~above need for reference~~ and S. Young, D. Kershaw, J. Odell, D. Ollason V. Valttchev and P. Woodland, *The HTK Book (Version 3.0),* Cambridge, England, July 2000. ~~Also~~